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SUBJECT: TERRORISTS BURN HONEYWELL WAREHOUSE

1. TERRORISTS CONTINUED WEEK LONG SERIES OF ATTACKS IN MILAN
BY BURNING WAREHOUSE OF AMERICAN-OWNED HONEYWELL CONTROLS
ON FRIDAY (MAY 12) EVENING.
DRIVING UP AT 19:40 JUST AS SECURITY GUARDS WERE CLOSING GATES,
FOUR MEN
WIELDING PISTOLS QUICKLY COMMANDEERED GUARDS AND CLEANING CREW,
EMPTIED TWO CANS OF GASOLINE INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE, INGNITED BUILDING
AND SPED AWAY.
NOONE WAS INJURED, BUT CONTENTS OF WAREHOUSE - ELECTRONIC
INSTRUMENTS - WERE DESTROYED WITH LOSSES OF ABOUT TWO MILLION
DOLLARS.

2. ALTHOUGH NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT TERRORISTS THEMSELVES CLAIMED
THEY WERE FROM RED BRIGADES, ORGANIZATION CALLED FRONT LINE (
PRIMA LINEA) LATER TOOK CREDIT IN COMMUNIQUE'. (PRIMA LINEA IS
SAME ORGANIZATION CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHOOTING AND
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WOUNDING CHEMICAL BANK AND MONTEDISON OFFICIALS HERE LAST WEEK.
WHILE BR CLAIMED CREDIT FOR A SECOND BANK OFFICIAL SHOT DURING
WEEK)

3. ALTHOUGH HONEYWELL HAS HISTORY OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS
HERE IN MILAN, GENERAL MANAGER TOLD US HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN
COMPANY'S WORKERS WERE NOT INVOLVED NOR RESPONSIBLE. ON CONTRARY,

UNIONS IN UNCOMMON SHOW OF SOLIDARITY UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED ACT AND, MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, CALLED IN WORKERS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TO HELP CLEAN UP DEBRIS FROM FIRE AND WATER DAMAGE. " ATTACK WAS NOT AGAINST HONEYWELL",SAID GENERAL MANAGER, "BUT AGAINST US AS A MULTINATIONAL".

4. GENERAL MANAGER NOTED THAT HIS WAS NOT FIRST TIME HONEYWELL (ONE OF ITS OPERATIONS WAS BOMBED SEVERAL YEARS AGO) AND SAID INCIDENT WOULD NOT AFFECT MANAGEMENT VIEW OF ITALIAN OPERATIONS. HIS FINAL COMMENT ON ATTACK WAS ONE OF RESIGNATION: "WE'VE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH IT".

5. PREFECT TAKES INCIDENT VERY SERIOUSLY AND TOLD TRYING CONGEN THIS MORNING THAT BR AIM IS CLEARLY TO DESTABLIZE SITUATION WITH ATTACKS ON MULTINATIONALS, AND EXPECTABLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL.FINA

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